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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, applicant submits herewith an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) accompanied by the Form PTO-1449 with the prior art references listed therein.

Since all of referenced documents have been submitted to the US Patent Office along with the IDS(s) filed in the prior applications, priority to which is claimed in the present application, no copies of the same are enclosed with this IDS. Further, because all the documents are in the English language, no concise explanation of its relevancy is necessary, as pointed out in 37 CFR §1.98 (3)(i).

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, this information is believed to be timely filed under 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed references is deemed proper, and is therefore respectfully requested.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this communication. If any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to the undersigned firm's Deposit Account No.07-1730, Docket No. 3869-020. A duplicate copy of this communication is attached for that purpose.

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